GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4466
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2002
REVISION OF BACHAWAT AWARD
Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of Bachawat Award on sharing of rivers water expired in 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering its revision;

(c) if so, whether the consent of State Governments have been sought in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have introduced a single window clearance for irrigation projects which came into effect from October 1, 2002;

(f) if so, whether the Government propose to fund irrigation projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) As per the final order of the Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal, at any time after 31st May, 2000, this order may be reviewed or revised by a competent authority or Tribunal. No request has been received so far from any of the party States for setting up of a new Krishna Water Tribunal under the Inter State Water Disputes Act.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) & (g) The Central Government launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 1996-97 for accelerating implementation of ongoing irrigation/multi-purpose projects on which substantial progress has been made and which are beyond the resources capability of the State Governments and for other major and medium irrigation projects which are in advanced stage of construction and could yield irrigation benefits in next four agricultural seasons.